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Multiple Search Warrants and Arrests in Beaverton Human Trafficking Investigation

On September 20, 2013, detectives with the Beaverton Police Department initiated an investigation into the sexual assault and sexual trafficking of two 13-year old females within the city of Beaverton and in the metro area.

One victim was identified as a runaway who in 2012 had met at least three adult males in Beaverton. These individuals then engaged in a process over a period of time where the juvenile was sexually assaulted and forced into prostitution. At least one of the suspects also provided the juvenile with methamphetamine on several occasions.

On today's date, detectives with the Beaverton Police Department, along with representatives from other law enforcement agencies, served search warrants at two residences in Beaverton and at Stars Cabaret, an adult entertainment business located at 4570 SW Lombard Ave. in Beaverton.

The investigation showed the victim had been sexually assaulted by the two suspects and through collaboration by the suspects, Moreno-Hernandez and Toth; the victim was used for prostitution inside of Stars Cabaret. Detectives arrested the following individuals:

Victor Moreno-Hernandez: 27 years of age from Beaverton is charged with:
Rape 2, Sodomy 2, Sex Abuse 1, Unlawful Sexual penetration 2, Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor, Compelling Prostitution and Promoting Prostitution.

Steven Jason Toth: 42 years of age from Beaverton is charged with:
Rape 2, Sodomy 2, Sex Abuse 1, Compelling Prostitution and Promoting Prostitution.

Chief Geoff Spalding commented: "This is a significant conclusion to a tremendous effort put forth to impact the extremely destructive world of human trafficking. I would like to thank the members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation –Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL) and the Child Exploitation Task Force and detectives from the Portland Police Bureau who assisted in this investigation."

The two suspects were arrested and lodged at the Washington County Jail on the above charges.

